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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28, filed September 13, 2012.

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